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It was persistently rumored yesterday that Col. Murphy would also appoint to the most important position in the police department, mentioned as sure to be promoted, was Sgt. "Dinky" Grady, a close friend of Mr. Devery and now a representative of the Tammany Club. The Tammany Club, however, is a brother-in-law of the Tammany Club, and Mr. Devery is a close friend of the Tammany Club. The Tammany Club, however, is a brother-in-law of the Tammany Club, and Mr. Devery is a close friend of the Tammany Club.

Not the least interesting thing in Mulberry street yesterday was the presentation to Deputy Commissioner Devery of a four-foot square picture of himself and a set of engraved resolutions. The new detective sergeants, whom he and Col. Murphy are doing their best to help keep their jobs. Sgt. Grady made the presentation speech, and Mr. Devery's friends were allowed to see the picture or resolutions. It was rumored, though, that the principal and effective part of them was the following:

DESIGNS FOR STREET SIGNS.

West End Association Recommends Two Models to Presidents Cantor.

The West End Association, which has been agitating the need of better street signs for the city for some time, has prepared two models after considering several designs, which will be placed in position soon. These signs the association has recommended to Mr. Cantor, who assumes the duties of Borough President to-day, and it is hoped that they will be adopted and placed about the city if no better signs are offered.

The new signs were exhibited to several city officials yesterday. Among those who inspected and approved them was S. J. McCormick, Superintendent of Lamps and Gas of the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, who has held the post for many years.

The signs proposed by the association are as follows: The sign adopted by Gen. C. H. T. Collier when he was Commissioner of Public Works. One of the models on exhibition yesterday is a sign of the same shape as the other by incandescent electric light.

The new sign is in the shape of a trapezoid with a base about one and one-half feet in length, the top sides five inches wide and the height fourteen inches. This broad flat side is to face the avenues and the smaller end of the lamp, which is five inches in size, will be turned toward the side street.

On the ground glass of the sign is printed in large letters the name of the avenue and the number of the building on the corner, while underneath in smaller letters is the name of the intersecting street. The design of the lamp is simple, and the sign is a clear idea of what part of the city it is in.

BROOKLYN BOROUGH REFORMS.

Plans of President Swanstrom to Increase the Efficiency of His Force.

This is part of a statement made yesterday by President J. Edward Swanstrom of the Borough of Brooklyn:

"There will be a general cutting down of expenses and a lopping off of help. This does not, of course, mean that the office is to be crippled. At the conference of the Borough Presidents I was inclined to believe that a department was not necessary, and I stood alone in that view of the matter. Subsequent study, however, and the advice of men who are experienced in the conduct of the departments of the city here and in the requirements of the amended Charter prove me to have been wrong. This matter, of course, will be left to Mr. Devery as the new Commissioner of Public Works, and he will thoroughly coincide in the view that a department is necessary, and that his salary would be more than made up for by the fact that a contract clerk need not be employed."

"On Thursday notice probably will be given that under the new administration of affairs the clerks and employees generally will be requested to be in the offices at 9 o'clock until 5 o'clock, instead of from 9 o'clock until 4 o'clock, and furthermore they will be notified of the desire of the administration that they recognize the fact that in their business hours they are working for the city and their work is being paid for by the municipality, and that only a few exceptions will be made."

"Another innovation will be the establishment of a bureau of complaints in the Borough Hall, with a clerk who will always be at hand within office hours to receive complaints of any character concerning any of the departments of this borough. We hope that some arrangement may be made whereby this bureau can work in conjunction with the departments of the city at large, so that Brooklyn people may lay their troubles before this clerk in this borough."

MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY NO MORE.

Mayor's Message "Noting" Day. According to Brice—A Thanksgiving Day.

No serious attempt was made to transact business by the Board of Aldermen or the Council yesterday. The members of both bodies devoted themselves for the most part to passing resolutions of thanks to the officials of the two chambers and to speeches of self-praise for their faithfulness and diligence. In the Board of Aldermen Tammany leader McCall varied the programme by offering a resolution praising Alderman McInnes. The resolution was taken up after the reading of the minutes. Alderman McInnes, however, and loyal services he had rendered to his party. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

The only business transacted through the Board was the adoption of a report of the Committee on Parks recommending the laying out of a park from 100th to 102nd streets and 103rd avenue to 104th street.

The Council gave the attention for about an hour to reports of business and at about 4 o'clock a committee was sent to the Mayor to inform him that the body was about to adjourn sine die and to ask him if he had any further business to transact. Several members of the Council were present.

Brice was one of the committee, but not its chairman. When he returned with his colleagues he made the following report: "His Honor says there's nothing doing. Under section 28 of the amended Charter, which goes into effect to-day, Col. Murphy hopes to make his promotion by awarding the post in again after the amended Charter is in effect. It is said that the man may even be recommended to patrol duty and appointed again before dawn, if there may be no hitch. This is the section of the revised Charter in which the promotions will depend. The Police Commissioner will select and appoint to perform detective duty therefrom from the patrolmen or roundmen hereafter as the said Commissioner may, from time to time determine necessary to make that bureau efficient. The patrolmen or roundmen so selected and appointed, and selected, appointed or assigned to perform detective duty on the detective bureau, or what is known as the Roundabout Bureau, and who are acting in said bureau or on the first day of April, 1901, shall be known as detective sergeants."

PHILBIN'S FAREWELL.

Gives Beefsteak Dinner to His Staff and Reporters Who Covered His Office.

District Attorney Philbin gave a beefsteak dinner yesterday at a Broadway restaurant to the members of his professional staff and to certain newspaper reporters who have "covered" his office for the last year. It was his farewell.

Speeches were made by Assistant District Attorneys Blake, Gordon, Walsh and Delaney who are to leave and by Assistant District Attorneys Osborne, Schurman, Garvan, Byrne and O'Connor, who are to remain as well as by two or three of the newspaper men. In opening the after dinner speaking Mr. Philbin proposed the toast of the "Successors of the Tammany Club."

Mr. Osborne said that he had served through the administrations of a Democrat, a Republican, a Democrat and a Republican, and that the present staff was the one of which he could say that there was no weak spot, no one who could be set an example of official life which might possibly be equalled but never excelled.

Mr. Philbin will go to his office to-day to turn over his keys to Justice Jerome. To-morrow he will dine with President Roosevelt at Washington.

JUSTICE LAWRENCE'S FAREWELL.

Ends a Service of 28 Years—Breaks His Dinner and Bar Will Do So.

Justice Lawrence of the Supreme Court took farewell as a member of that bench after much handshaking yesterday afternoon. He has served twenty-eight years, and was not renominated because he was approaching the age limit of 70 years. He will be counsel for a title insurance company hereafter, there being no age limit in the practice of the law. The Judge, who has been ill for several months of 1900, was to all appearances in splendid health yesterday.

A dinner in honor of Justice Lawrence was given on Saturday night at the Hotel Hamilton, of which his former Associate Justice, Charles H. Tamm, is President. Most of the Justices of the Supreme Court are present. A large silver loving cup was presented to Justice Lawrence, President Justice Van Brunt of the Appellate Division making the presentation speech.

Justice Lawrence received yesterday a letter signed by many members of the bar requesting him to name a date at which they may give him a dinner.

SILVER FOR REGISTER FROMME.

Loving Cup for His Deputy and Watch for Chief Clerk Young.

Register Isaac Fromme received from the clerks of his office yesterday afternoon a silver service of 145 pieces appropriately engraved. Assistant Satisfaction Clerk Edward T. Egbert made the presentation speech. Mr. Fromme, in thanking his clerks for the gift, hoped that they would have a chance to serve the incoming Register as well as they had served him.

On behalf of the clerks he then presented to Deputy Register John Van Giam a silver loving cup. Mr. Van Giam retires after twelve years' service as Deputy Register.

The clerks of the satisfaction department also gave to their chief, Frank P. Young, who retires after twenty-one years' service, a gold watch and chain.

A silver loving cup was presented to County Clerk Schinner yesterday by his subordinates.

SHERIFF GUDEN TAKES HOLD.

Keys of Raymond Street Jail Turned Over to Him at Midnight.

William Walton, the retiring Sheriff of Kings county, surrendered the keys of Raymond Street Jail last night to Charles Guden, his successor. Preliminary to this ceremony, both, accompanied by the keepers, made a tour of the prison and saw that each prisoner was accounted for. Altogether there were 285 prisoners, 146 men and 139 women. Of the old jail, five have been retained, Deputy warden John Wilson, one van driver and three assistant wardens.

Supreme Court Justice Maclean dissolved yesterday afternoon the temporary injunction, which had been granted on Monday restraining the incoming Sheriff from appointing his deputy or any other subordinate. The injunction was sought on the ground that all these employees should be compelled to pass a civil service examination.

VAN WYCK GOES BACK TO THE BAR.

Ex-Mayor Will Have an Office Next Brother George—Whalen Returns to Whalen & Dunn.

When Mayor Van Wyck was asked yesterday what he intended to do when he relinquished office he said he would resume the practice of law. He has already rented a suite of rooms at 149 Broadway, adjoining those of his brother, Augustus, who is now professionally associated with his brother.

"I will practice law on my own account," he said yesterday. He will open his offices on Thursday.

Corporation Counsel Whalen will also resume law practice after a firm of Whalen & Dunn at 206 Broadway.

Melody Still Commissioner of Juries.

Word was received in Brooklyn yesterday afternoon from Albany that the Third Division of the Appellate Court had handed down a unanimous decision sustaining the claim of William E. Melody to the office of Commissioner of Juries and setting aside the action of four Republican Justices of the Second Division, who on May 13 last, appointed George W. Melody to the office.

The question of the constitutionality of the law was raised by Mr. Melody's refusal to vacate the office, pending the decision of the Court of Appeals, to which the decision was taken.

Last Whacks at Salary Appropriation.

Corporation Counsel Whalen, who on Dec. 19 ordered salary increases aggregating \$6,500, announced yesterday further increases amounting to \$3,000. Register Fromme also made several New Year's gifts to the employees of his department by increasing their salaries in amounts from \$100 to \$200 a year.

Richmond Borough Board Couldn't Meet.

The Richmond Borough Board was to have held its final meeting at 11 o'clock yesterday morning, but Borough President Cromwell and Councilman Bodine were the only members present. Apportionment was taken up after the reading of the minutes. Bodine or O'Grady nor Alderman Vaughan were on hand in the afternoon, and no meeting could be held.

Loving Cup for Richard H. Laimbeer.

Ex-Judge Richard H. Laimbeer, the new Deputy Fire Commissioner for Brooklyn, has received a silver loving cup from the Republicans of the Third Assembly district, in which he has been the leader for several years.

At the time of his election he was 70 years of age, and he is now 71. He is a native of New York, and he has been in the city for many years.

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CITY HALL REVOLUTION, NOON.

TO SPREAD OVER THE CITY AFTER 30 MINUTES' SHAKES-HANDS.

Devery Ought to Be in Retirement by 1 o'clock—Jerome May Not Swear in To-day—Further Additions to the List of New Officials Just Announced.

The official observance of New Year's Day will be a simple one. As the day is a legal holiday, all the banks, exchanges, courts and many of the retail and wholesale shops will be closed. Mayor-elect Low will become Mayor Low at noon by the operation of the Charter. He has already taken the oath of office. He will receive visitors at his office in City Hall from noon till 12:30, and then he will wear in his aides in office. There will be no particular ceremony about it. All of those who can will take the oath of office at the same time, and subscribe to it in the oath book immediately after.

While Mayor Low is busy in his office, President Cantor of the Borough of Manhattan will be busy in the old Council rooms, and President Foran of the Board of Aldermen will receive his friends in his office at the east end of the City Hall. Most of the appointees of Mayor Low will be received by the men whom they relieve in the offices that they will occupy.

Col. Partridge will take the oath of office before the Mayor and will go at once to Police Headquarters, where he will relieve Col. Murphy, whose resignation was accepted as the new Commissioner. He takes the oath. Deputy Commissioner Devery will be removed at once by Commissioner Partridge, and so will Deputy Commissioner York of Brooklyn. Devery will make a formal deputation on the new Commissioner for recognition of the Department and then will go away.

Justice Jerome, the District Attorney-elect, will not take the oath of office until after Mayor Low has assumed office, and it was said yesterday that he might not swear in until Thursday. He will call on District Attorney Philbin at the Criminal Courts Building and have a little talk with him.

Mayor-elect Low announced yesterday that he would retain for the present Mayor Edward Owen as the junior Commissioner of Accounts. William Russell has already been announced as the senior Commissioner. Major Owen has been in the Department of Accounts for nearly twenty years, and his retention is regarded as a peculiar compliment to him because of the fact that the Commissioners of Accounts are the confidential representatives of the Mayor. In making this selection for office known Mr. Low said:

Major Owen entered the service of the city in 1884, and I take this course believing that he has rendered the city good service. He has been retained otherwise. Under the circumstances, I think this is the best thing I can do for the public. I am sure that time enough to consider a change when I am satisfied by experience that it is better to be made. Major Owen is a certified accountant, as required by the new Charter. I have made this explanation of my reason for retaining Major Owen because I feel that under the circumstances an explanation is due the people.

Mayor Low will announce the three members of the Board of Assessors to-day or to-morrow. Then he will rest from appointments for a while.

Edward Hettich, who has served as Mayor's messenger under Mayors Grace, Healy, Grant, Gilroy, Strong and Van Wyck, will be retained by Mayor Low. He brewed the tea for Mayor Strong and always carries the bonds from the Mayor's office to the Finance Department.

County Clerk-elect Hamilton announced yesterday that he had selected Henry Birrell of the Twenty-fifth Precinct as his deputy in his office, to succeed George H. Fairbach, who ran for the office on the Tammany ticket.

Register-elect J. H. J. Honner has selected Matthew P. Breen, the Greater New York leader in the Thirty-fifth Assembly district, for his deputy. The Assistant Deputy, John E. Fitzgerald, will be retained in office. He has been in the office for seven years.

HAFER'S BROTHER APPOINTMENTS.

President Haften of the Borough of The Bronx announced yesterday that on taking office for the second time to-day he would make the following appointments:

Assistant Commissioner of Public Works—Henry Brunt.

Secretary in the Superintendent of Buildings—Henry Brunt.

Mr. Haften has not appointed any Commissioner of Public Works. He says that he will perform the duties of this office himself for the present and may later appoint a deputy to the city. Mr. Haften made this statement about his coming term of office.

It shall be my endeavor to give an efficient, economical and progressive administration. Concerning the other departments provided for by the Charter, I have no opinion, only as the interests of the public service demand. I do not believe in the creation of unnecessary departments or of overpaying the public service with unnecessary officials. As the public interests demand, I shall create the other departments, but only if they are needed.

Mr. Bruckner is a native of The Bronx and is in business there. He was elected to the Assembly by Tammany in 1900, and that was the first public office that he ever held.

Mr. Gumbleton is a lawyer. He was Deputy County Clerk from 1871 to 1875 and Deputy County Clerk from 1875 to 1878. He was elected County Clerk.

OFFICERS OF QUEENS BOROUGH.

Councilman Cassidy, the President-elect

of the Queens Borough Board, has been elected to the office of President of the Board.

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